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Primus hominum leonem manu tractare auſus, & oſtendere manſuefactum, Hanno è clariſſimis Pœnorum traditur. Plin.

Friday, Auguſt 28. 1713.

THE Generality of my Readers, I f[illegible] [illegible] well pleaſed with the Story of the [illegible], [illegible] my Paper of the 20th Inſtant, and with my Friend's Deſign of compiling a Hiſtory of that noble Species of Animals; that a great many Ingenious Perſons have promiſed me their Aſſiſtance to bring in Materials for the Work, from all the Store-houſes of Ancient and Mo[illegible] Learning, as well as from Oral Tradition. [illegible] a farther Encouragement of the Undertaking, a conſiderable number of *Virtuoſi* have offered, when my Collections ſhall ſwell into a reaſonable Bulk, to contribute very handſomly, by way of Subſcription, towards the Printing of them [illegible] a large Royal Paper, curiouſly adorned [illegible] of Foreſts, Deſarts, Rocks and Caves, [illegible] Lyons of all Sorts and Sizes upon Copper Plates [illegible] the beſt Hands. A rich old Batchelor of *Lyon's-Inn*, (who is Zealous for the Honour of the Place in which he was Educated) ſends me Word, I may depend upon a Hundred Pounds from him towards the Embelliſhing of the Work; aſſuring me, at the ſame time, that he will ſet his Clerk to ſearch the Records and enquire into the Antiquities of that Houſe, that there may be no Stone left unturned to make the Book compleat. Conſidering the V[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] been writ up[illegible] *[illegible]phytes*, [illegible] and [illegible] the Philoſophers [illegible] the help of Glaſſes [illegible] [illegible]ties and Perfections, [illegible] be [illegible] unreaſonable [illegible] (whoſe [illegible] lies open to the [illegible] Eye) ſhould [illegible] firſt-rate *Folio*.

A worthy Merchant and [illegible] ſends me the following Letter, to be [illegible] Commentaries [illegible].

SIR,

‘SInce one of your Correſ[illegible] has, of late, entertained the Pu[illegible] with a very remarkable and ancient Piece [illegible] Hiſtory, in Honour of the Grandees of the Foreſt; and ſince it is probable you m[illegible] time collect a great many curious Records [illegible] amazing [illegible]ances, which may contribute [illegible] theſe Animals reſpected over the Face of the whole Earth; I am not a [illegible] ambitious to have the Glory of contributing ſomewhat to ſo generous

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